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WAGNER

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1. DEPARTMENT AGREES WITH EMBASSY LUXEMBOURG'S ASSESS-
MENT OF AMBASSADOR WAGNER CONTAINED REF B. WE FOUND HIM
TO BE A CAPABLE AND OUT-GOING DIPLOMAT. AS LUXEMBOURG'S
SOLE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE US, HE WORKED DILIGENTLY TO
ESTABLISH CONTACTS IN THE OFFICIAL AND PRIVATE COMMUNITY.
IN HIS CONTACTS WITH DEPARTMENT OFFICERS, WAGNER WAS VERY
FORTHCOMING IN CONVEYING THE VIEWS AND ASSESSMENTS OF HIS
FOREIGN MINISTER ON EVOLVING US-EUROPEAN RELATIONS. HE
ALSO PROVIDED US USEFUL INSIGHTS INTO EC-NINE THINKING
AND WOULD OFTEN RECOUNT THE CONVERSATIONS HELD DURING THE
EC AMBASSADORS REGULAR LUNCHEON MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON.

2. WAGNER IS A PERSONABLE AND CULTIVATED INDIVIDUAL.
HE OFTEN TENDS TO BECOME ANIMATED IN CONVERSATIONS. HE
ENGAGED IN EXTENSIVE REPRESENTATIONAL ACTIVITIES IN HIS
EFFORTS TO BECOME WELL CONNECTED IN WASHINGTON AND
EFFECTIVELY USED SOCIAL EVENTS AS A MEANS OF CONDUCTING
SUBSTANTIVE BUSINESS. UNLIKE MANY OF HIS EUROPEAN
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COLLEAGUES, WAGNER DID HIS HOMEWORK BEFORE A MEETING

AND WAS AS A CONSEQUENCE ABLE TO ENGAGE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS IN DETAILED DISCUSSIONS OF MAJOR ISSUES.

3. WAGNER, REFLECTING HIS MINISTER'S VIEWS ACCURATELY, CAN BE TERMED A GOOD FRIEND OF THE US. FULLY AWARE OF THE SMALL SIZE OF HIS COUNTRY, HE BELIEVES THAT LUXEMBOURG'S GOAL OF ENHANCED EUROPEAN UNITY CAN ONLY MAKE SENSE IN THE FRAMEWORK OF CLOSE ATLANTIC COOPERATION.
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